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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during April was estimated at 1,513,400, an increase of 5,000 above the March revised figure and an increase of 14,300 above the year-ago figure. Manufacturing employment was higher as both durable and nondurable goods payrolls increased. Construction experienced a seasonal increase which contributed to higher employment for nonmanufacturing.

Durable goods employment for April, estimated at 76,100, was 400 higher than last month. Transportation equipment employment was higher due to more business in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 94,900, was 200 above the previous month's revised estimate of 94,700. Food and kindred products employment dropped by 100 for April, while apparel and other textile products, paper and allied products, and petroleum and coal products each gained 100.

Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector was estimated at 1,342,400 during April, an increase of 4,400 from the March revised figure of 1,338,000. Mining employment was up as a result of an increase in the exploration of oil and gas. Construction employment showed a seasonal increase in each major group. Transportation and public utilities employment rose by 100 employees. Trade employment moved up due to more business in both the wholesale and retail industries. Contributing to the downturn in finance, insurance, and real estate were payroll reductions in the real estate industry. Employment losses in amusement and recreational services were mainly responsible for decreases in the total services industry. Government exhibited an employment gain in each of the three major groups for April.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,200 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $465.23 in March to $458.85 in April, a decrease of $6.38, and a decrease of $5.06 from April of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in April than last month, but $0.14 higher than April, 1988. Weekly hours averaged 41.6 during April, a decrease of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 182,400. The unemployment rate for April was 9.6 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for April was 5.1 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,907,100 workers. Estimated total employment increased to 1,724,700 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change from March 1989	Net Change from April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,513.4	1,508.4	1,499.1	+ 5.0	+14.3
MINING	57.2	56.8	56.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.6	54.2	53.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	89.7	87.2	84.0	+ 2.5	+ 5.7
MANUFACTURING	171.0	170.4	168.7	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	76.1	75.7	75.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	12.0	12.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.7	5.7	5.8	0	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	12.9	12.9	12.2	0	+ 0.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.2	9.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.5	7.1	0	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	23.2	23.0	23.4	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.9	94.7	93.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	18.9	19.0	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.5	9.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	12.5	12.4	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Printing & Publishing	10.0	10.0	10.0	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.4	27.4	26.6	0	+ 0.8
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.1	11.0	11.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.2	10.1	10.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	108.0	107.9	106.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.7	62.7	60.6	0	+ 2.1
Water Transportation	25.4	25.6	24.2	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.2	40.1	40.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.3	18.2	18.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	21.9	22.3	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	361.0	359.5	357.4	+ 1.5	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade	81.7	81.4	81.9	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.6	45.6	45.9	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.1	35.8	36.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	279.3	278.1	275.5	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.3	58.5	56.5	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
Food Stores	55.0	55.3	55.0	- 0.3	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.9	29.6	29.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	85.1	84.9	84.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Other Retail Trade	50.0	49.8	50.3	+ 0.2	- 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change from March 1989	Net Change from April 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.7	81.0	83.0	- 0.3	- 2.3
Banking	22.7	22.6	23.8	+ 0.1	- 1.1
SERVICES	328.6	329.2	327.3	- 0.6	+ 1.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.9	21.0	21.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Personal Services	14.5	14.6	15.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Business Services	62.5	62.6	60.5	- 0.1	+ 2.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.5	9.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.0	5.0	5.3	0	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	7.9	8.4	7.7	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Health Services	105.9	105.8	103.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Legal Services	15.9	16.0	15.1	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Educational Services	20.1	20.1	22.8	0	- 2.7
Social Services	18.7	18.7	19.0	0	- 0.3
Membership Organizations	25.4	25.6	25.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	15.9	15.9	15.8	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	317.2	316.4	316.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Federal	36.7	36.5	36.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
State and Local	280.5	279.9	280.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
State	93.5	93.2	96.2	+ 0.3	- 2.7
Local	187.0	186.7	183.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.2

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$458.85	$465.23	$463.91	41.6	41.8	42.6	$11.03	$11.13	$10.89
Durable Goods	412.15	418.91	414.50	41.8	42.4	42.6	9.86	9.88	9.73
Lumber & Wood Products	361.99	359.89	354.90	41.8	43.1	42.2	8.66	8.35	8.41
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	351.12	334.21	370.65	41.9	37.3	43.3	8.38	8.96	8.56
Fabricated Metal Products	433.59	431.94	420.21	44.7	44.9	43.5	9.70	9.62	9.66
Machinery, ex. Electrical	379.13	393.39	407.18	41.3	42.3	44.5	9.18	9.30	9.15
Electric & Electronic Equip.	509.94	503.30	511.21	40.6	40.2	41.8	12.56	12.52	12.23
Transportation Equipment	434.11	466.47	444.78	40.8	42.8	42.0	10.64	10.95	10.59
Nondurable Goods	500.91	505.93	508.22	41.5	41.3	42.6	12.07	12.25	11.93
Food & Kindred Products	284.43	296.78	312.03	36.7	38.0	39.2	7.75	7.81	7.96
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	208.78	207.43	202.83	36.5	36.2	37.7	5.72	5.73	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	503.81	571.26	587.41	38.4	40.4	44.1	13.12	14.14	13.32
Printing & Publishing	404.88	392.77	395.53	39.5	37.3	39.2	10.25	10.53	10.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	766.66	748.65	697.25	48.4	46.5	45.1	15.84	16.10	15.46
Petroleum & Coal Products	676.35	662.42	740.04	43.3	42.3	48.4	15.62	15.66	15.29
Petroleum Refining	683.57	673.31	757.38	43.1	42.4	48.8	15.86	15.88	15.52
MINING	552.89	554.40	551.54	46.5	46.2	46.9	11.89	12.00	11.76
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	524.44	511.28	504.98	41.1	40.1	39.7	12.76	12.75	12.72
BANKING	277.14	275.63	271.88	37.1	36.8	37.5	7.47	7.49	7.25

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,200 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MARCH 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED APRIL 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,907.1	1,724.7	182.4	9.6	1,888.7	1,707.4	181.3	9.6	1,918.4	1,722.3	196.1	10.2
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.9	54.2	5.7	9.5	59.2	53.7	5.5	9.3	60.2	54.5	5.7	9.4
Baton Rouge 2/	268.7	247.9	20.8	7.7	264.6	244.6	20.0	7.6	270.1	247.9	22.2	8.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.5	63.4	7.1	10.0	69.4	62.9	6.5	9.4	71.0	63.0	8.0	11.2
Lafayette 4/	99.8	91.6	8.2	8.3	98.7	90.3	8.4	8.5	99.6	90.3	9.3	9.3
Lake Charles 5/	73.6	66.6	7.0	9.5	72.7	65.5	7.2	9.9	74.9	66.8	8.1	10.8
Monroe 6/	67.8	61.6	6.2	9.2	67.3	61.1	6.2	9.2	69.3	62.5	6.8	9.8
New Orleans 7/	595.7	545.6	50.1	8.4	590.0	541.5	48.5	8.2	596.1	543.0	53.1	8.9
Shreveport 8/	158.2	142.5	15.7	9.9	156.9	141.9	15.0	9.6	164.1	147.6	16.5	10.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
April 1988	117.1		
April 1989	123.1	+ 0.7	+ 5.1

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY APRIL 89				REVISED MARCH 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,900	19,675	2,225	10.2	21,675	19,450	2,225	10.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,225	8,100	1,125	12.3	9,175	8,075	1,100	12.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,225	5,300	925	15.0	6,175	5,175	1,000	16.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,650	13,125	2,525	16.1	15,575	13,050	2,525	16.2
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,050	11,750	1,300	10.0	13,075	11,825	1,250	9.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,900	6,100	800	11.6	6,775	6,000	775	11.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,000	3,500	500	12.3	4,250	3,450	800	18.9
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,675	4,225	450	9.7	4,575	4,075	500	10.6
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,000	3,275	725	18.3	4,000	3,200	800	20.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,950	7,250	700	8.9	8,000	7,300	700	8.9
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,150	8,775	1,375	13.5	10,050	8,575	1,475	14.7
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,125	11,625	1,500	11.4	12,550	11,150	1,400	11.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,150	3,175	975	23.6	4,100	3,075	1,025	24.9
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,275	6,525	750	10.2	7,150	6,400	750	10.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,300	11,725	1,575	11.9	13,175	11,550	1,625	12.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,875	6,750	1,125	14.3	8,000	6,725	1,275	15.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,850	5,950	900	13.0	6,850	5,925	925	13.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,700	23,125	2,575	10.0	25,200	22,575	2,625	10.4
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,100	9,550	1,550	14.0	11,100	9,500	1,600	14.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,700	6,000	700	10.4	6,675	5,925	750	11.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,200	9,700	1,500	13.4	11,125	9,625	1,500	13.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,550	5,900	650	10.0	6,775	5,850	925	13.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,700	16,850	850	4.8	17,300	16,400	900	5.2
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,450	4,675	775	14.3	5,450	4,575	875	16.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,175	10,625	1,550	12.7	12,275	10,550	1,725	14.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,200	14,500	1,700	10.5	16,150	14,425	1,725	10.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,675	7,750	925	10.6	8,650	7,700	950	11.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,050	1,125	15.7	7,100	6,000	1,100	15.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,425	3,775	650	14.7	4,250	3,725	525	12.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,550	7,500	1,050	12.1	8,650	7,500	1,150	13.2
MANY (SABINE)	9,800	8,900	900	9.2	9,675	8,700	975	10.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,825	2,525	300	10.4	2,825	2,525	300	10.6
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,750	6,800	950	12.4	7,800	6,775	1,025	13.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,875	26,225	4,650	15.1	30,675	25,975	4,700	15.4
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,525	21,625	2,900	11.8	24,375	21,375	3,000	12.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,750	32,950	4,800	12.7	37,250	32,525	4,725	12.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,000	2,625	375	12.7	3,050	2,625	425	13.7
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,525	925	10.9	8,375	7,375	1,000	11.9
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,625	16,200	2,425	13.0	18,525	15,975	2,550	13.7
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,375	16,725	1,650	9.0	18,525	16,750	1,775	9.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,375	16,050	2,325	12.6	18,525	16,050	2,475	13.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,700	17,450	2,250	11.4	19,500	17,225	2,275	11.6
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,775	3,625	1,150	24.1	4,875	3,600	1,275	26.2
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	3,825	425	9.7	4,175	3,750	425	10.1
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,425	500	8.4	5,900	5,325	575	9.8

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.1	45.2	45.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.3	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	2.2	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.4	10.6	10.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Retail Trade	8.5	8.7	8.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
General Merchandise	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.7	3.8	- 0.2	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Health Services	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.1	12.9	0	+ 0.2
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.8	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.1	0	- 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.7	0	- 0.2
Local	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,100 for April. This estimate was 100 less than last month and 300 less than April, 1988.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 for April. This was 100 more than March and 300 above April one year ago. The increase over the month was due to the other durable goods segment while the increase over last year was due to increases in both other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for the current month was estimated at 41,700. This figure decreased by 200 from last month and 600 from April, 1988. The change from March was due to a decline in other retail sales. The overall drop from April, 1988 was the result of decreases in construction, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate. An increase occurred in government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	223.4	222.1	220.8	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	19.4	19.4	18.9	0	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.0	0	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.5	23.8	24.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.3	53.2	51.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.4	41.3	40.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.7	13.7	13.6	0	+ 0.1
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
SERVICES	46.2	45.8	45.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	54.8	54.7	55.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	52.5	52.4	52.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State	30.0	29.9	30.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Local	22.5	22.5	22.5	0	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$553.82	$556.83	$542.70	43.2	42.8	42.8	$12.82	$13.01	$12.68
Petro-Chemicals	710.76	706.91	694.19	45.3	44.6	44.7	15.69	15.85	15.53

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA rose to 223,400 in April. This figure was 1,300 higher than March, and 2,600 greater than one year ago. Employment gains in nonmanufacturing, including construction, retail trade, services, and government accounted for the overall job growth.

Employment in manufacturing, estimated at 19,400, was unchanged from last month. Employment showed gains in both durable and nondurable goods compared to April, 1988.

Employment in nonmanufacturing climbed 1,300 in April to 204,000. Construction led this advance with a gain of 700 due to more business in all segments. The largest reported gain occurred in special trade contractors, which increased by 400. Also on the rise was retail trade, with a moderate increase of 100, due to increased employment in eating and drinking places. The services sector rose 400, due to the filming of a movie in the Baton Rouge area. Increased employment in automotive, landscape and horticultural services, and miscellaneous repair services accounted for the gain in the total services industry. State government gained 100 over the month because of staff hiring at local universities and seasonal hiring in the areas recreational parks. Federal and local government remained unchanged overall. Upward movement was experienced over the year in most sectors of nonmanufacturing, with the exception of mining, transportation and public utilities, and banking.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $553.82 for April, a decrease of $3.01 from the March revised average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings are up $11.12. Average weekly hours increased 0.4 hours for the current period with an average of 43.2 hours worked. Average hourly earnings, at $12.82, were down $0.19 per hour. Overtime worked without premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA is estimated at 268,700, comprised of 247,900 employed and 20,800 unemployed. The local unemployment rate for April was 7.7 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,585 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 478 applicants in jobs during April, 1989.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.0	53.9	53.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.3	4.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.5	+ 0.1	0
MINING	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.6	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.3	9.4	9.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.1	10.0	0	+ 0.1
State	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in April edged up to 54,000, a level 100 above March. The small gains were mostly seasonal in nature. Since April, 1988 total employment showed an increase of 300.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,400, up 100 over the previous month. The durable goods segment was unchanged. The nondurable goods segment was up 100 due to seasonal factors affecting the seafood processing industry.

Construction exhibited a small increase in employment by special trade contractors. Retail trade showed small increases in employment by eating and drinking places, auto dealers and service stations, building materials dealers and furniture stores. Less favorably, finance, insurance, and real estate decreased. Services employment was down due to decreases in business services.

Estimated unemployment was 7,100 in April. Unemployment presently comprises 10.0 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,225.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	86.1	85.1	84.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	6.9	6.9	7.0	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.6	3.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.0	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.3	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.0	17.9	17.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.5	17.9	18.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.7	12.6	- 0.1	0
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.8	11.9	11.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	4.8	4.9	4.8	- 0.1	0
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 86,100 for April, 1989, an increase of 1,000 from the March, 1989 revised estimate. Since last April nonagricultural employment has gained 1,300 jobs.

Construction increased by 200 workers for the second month in a row and has increased by 500 workers over the April, 1988 figure. Transportation and public utilities rose by 200 from the March, 1989 estimate and compared to a year ago has increased by 300 workers. Trade increased by 100 from last month due to more employment in the automobile dealers and service stations sector. Services expanded by 600 jobs from the March, 1989 estimate due to expansion in the agricultural, amusement, health and miscellaneous segments of the economy. Government was the only sector to show a decline (100) from last month. All other sectors had no change from the prior month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.1	58.5	58.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	10.8	10.9	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.3	8.4	8.3	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	4.1	4.3	+ 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.0	4.1	3.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	13.5	13.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Retail Trade	11.4	11.0	11.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.3	2.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.5	3.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	12.0	11.9	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.4	10.5	+ 0.1	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.8	9.9	+ 0.1	0
State	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
Local	6.9	6.8	6.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 59,100, an increase of 600 from the March, 1989 figure. Employment has increased by 600 workers from the April, 1988 level.

Manufacturing dropped by 100 to an estimated 10,800 for April; the decrease was in the nondurable goods sector. Compared to a year ago, the manufacturing sector has decreased by 200 workers.

Transportation and public utilities was down by 100 from the prior month, but has increased in the last twelve months by 300 workers. Construction increased by 200 from the previous month due to improved weather conditions. Trade rose by 400 workers in April due to growth in building materials, automotive dealers, apparel and accessory stores, eating and drinking establishments and department stores. Services and government both increased by 100 from last month's estimate. All other sectors in the Lake Charles MSA were unchanged from last month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.1	54.1	54.7	0	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	7.6	7.5	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.3	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.1	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.4	14.1	0	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	9.9	9.9	10.2	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.2	12.0	11.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.4	11.5	- 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.8	10.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
State	4.6	4.7	4.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	6.0	6.1	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 54,100 for April, 1989. There was no change from the March estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,600, was up by 100. The gain was in nondurable goods.

Services, estimated at 12,200, was up 200 from the March figure. Construction rose by 100 to 2,200. Mining and transportation and public utilities each had losses of 100. Government was down by 200 to 11,200. All other segments remained unchanged.

. NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	519.0	518.4	515.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
MANUFACTURING	43.1	42.7	43.3	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Durable Goods	22.5	22.2	22.5	+ 0.3	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	13.9	13.6	13.9	+ 0.3	0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.3	10.0	10.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	20.6	20.5	20.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.7	5.7	5.9	0	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.3	15.3	15.3	0	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.4	14.4	14.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.2	22.7	22.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.5	44.6	43.8	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.3	13.5	12.8	- 0.2	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.4	134.5	133.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	32.7	32.5	31.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.8	18.7	18.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.8	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	101.7	102.0	101.7	- 0.3	0
General Merchandise	13.4	13.5	13.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food Stores	20.0	20.2	20.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	34.5	34.0	0	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.4	33.7	0	- 0.3
Banking	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0
SERVICES	138.1	138.3	137.2	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12.9	12.8	13.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Health Services	37.4	37.5	36.8	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	87.0	86.9	86.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	16.2	16.2	16.0	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	70.8	70.7	70.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	18.7	18.7	19.1	0	- 0.4
Local	52.1	52.0	51.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$439.93	$445.94	$433.26	41.0	41.1	41.5	$10.73	$10.85	$10.44
Durable Goods	386.07	393.74	388.22	40.3	41.1	41.3	9.58	9.58	9.40
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	279.00	277.80	297.63	30.0	30.0	31.1	9.30	9.26	9.57
Fabricated Metal Products	391.20	397.17	465.47	40.0	41.2	46.5	9.78	9.64	10.01
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	360.59	375.42	356.65	40.2	41.3	40.9	8.97	9.09	8.72
Nondurable Goods	500.71	502.66	483.63	41.9	41.0	41.8	11.95	12.26	11.57
Food & Kindred Products	310.80	308.45	319.42	35.0	35.7	36.8	8.88	8.64	8.68
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	203.00	212.49	193.28	35.0	36.2	36.4	5.80	5.87	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	366.79	374.88	414.82	43.0	44.0	47.3	8.53	8.52	8.77
Printing & Publishing	417.25	390.64	371.18	43.6	39.3	40.7	9.57	9.94	9.12
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	783.64	801.35	725.49	49.1	47.0	45.4	15.96	17.05	15.98

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in April increased 600 over March to 519,000. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year nonagricultural employment gained 3,500 workers. Increases occurred in all industry divisions except manufacturing, finance, insurance, and real estate, and mining which showed no change.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100, up 400 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing experienced an increase. In the nondurable segment, apparel and other textile products exhibited a small increase.

Mining showed no significant change over the previous month. Construction displayed normal seasonal increases. Transportation and public utilities decreased somewhat due mostly to a slowdown in local port activity. Gains made by wholesale trade were offset by seasonal losses in retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Services exhibited a small overall decrease. Government showed a minor increase in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $439.93 per week in April, down $6.01 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.0, down 0.1 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.73, down $0.12 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, earnings are up $6.67 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment for April was 50,100. The unemployment rate was 8.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,894.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.1	128.3	130.9	- 0.2	- 2.8
MANUFACTURING	17.5	17.4	18.2	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Durable Goods	12.6	12.6	13.1	0	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.6	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.1	5.9	0	- 0.8
Other Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	6.4	6.3	6.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.1	7.9	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.5	31.5	31.6	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0
Retail Trade	24.1	24.1	24.2	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.4	6.9	- 0.2	- 0.7
SERVICES	30.2	30.4	31.2	- 0.2	- 1.0
GOVERNMENT	25.2	25.2	25.6	0	- 0.4
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
State and Local	20.4	20.4	20.8	0	- 0.4
State	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.0	14.0	14.5	0	- 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.07	$469.68	$473.75	40.7	41.2	40.7	$10.96	$11.40	$11.64
Lumber and Wood Products	342.36	334.40	254.14	36.0	38.0	35.2	9.51	8.80	7.22
Metals and Machinery	409.79	422.58	457.45	43.0	43.7	42.2	9.53	9.67	10.84
Food and Kindred Products	368.19	347.01	334.11	44.2	43.0	42.4	8.33	8.07	7.88
Printing and Publishing	272.16	263.87	351.29	31.5	30.4	35.7	8.64	8.68	9.84
Petroleum and Coal Products	574.13	538.65	606.17	44.3	39.9	46.7	12.96	13.50	12.98

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA dropped slightly from 128,300 in March to 128,100 for the current month. Job losses in total nonmanufacturing employment caused this over-the-month decline.

The manufacturing employment estimate increased to 17,500 from the March estimate of 17,400. A small employment gain in the garment manufacturing industry produced this increase.

Total nonmanufacturing employment for this area, estimated at 110,600, moved down from 110,900 in March. Job losses occurred in finance, insurance, and real estate, and services. In finance, insurance, and real estate the job reductions were in banking and with insurance carriers. In the services sector small job reductions occurred with hotels and motels, amusement and recreation services, health services, legal services, museums and non-profit membership organizations. The number of nonmanufacturing jobs has decreased 2,100 since April, 1988.

An estimated 12,600 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $446.07, down from $469.68 in March and $473.75 one year ago. Average weekly hours of 40.7 fell slightly below the March average of 41.2, but remain unchanged from April, 1988. Average hourly earnings decreased between March and April to $10.96 and remains less than the year-ago hourly average of $11.64. Most of the decrease in average hourly earnings occurred in the nondurable goods sector of petroleum products industries which dropped $0.54 between March and April.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport MSA was 158,200, including 142,500 employed and 15,700 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 9.9 percent.

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